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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, CO

SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTIES: CUT FLOWERS

REF: BOGOTA 2048

1. MINISTERS ESCOBAR AND LOPEZ-REYES OF EMBASSY, ACCOMPANIED BY JOHN REHM, COUNSEL TO COLOMBIAN FLOWER GROWERS ASSOCIATION, CALLED ON TREASURY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MARKS TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHING DIALOGUE BETWEEN TREASURY AND COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT ON COUNTERVAILING DUTY PROCEEDINGS ON CUT FLOWERS.

2. IT WAS AGREED THAT COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD SEND DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON ON APRIL 1 TO CONDUCT TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS RELATIVE TO THIS CASE. EMBOFF INDICATED THAT DELEGATION WOULD PROBABLY CONSIST OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM MINISTRIES OF FINANCE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE PRESIDENT'S STAFF AND THE FLOWER GROWERS ASSOCIATION, WHO COULD ADDRESS TECHNICAL ISSUES INVOLVED. TREASURY CONTEMPLATES APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS OF MEETINGS, ALTHOUGH TIME UNCLASSIFIED

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CAN BE EXTENDED IF CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S REQUEST, MARKS INDICATED THAT COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE GIVEN REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME BEYOND APRIL 8 DEADLINE TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON COUNTERVAILING DUTY ACTION. IT WAS FELT THAT GOC COULD ADDRESS PROBLEM MORE MEANINGFULLY, WITH WRITTEN SUBMISSION

AFTER TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE; AND THAT COLOMBIANS WERE TAKING SIGNIFICANT STEPS BY OFFERING TO HOLD TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

4. CONCERNING QUESTION IN EMBASSY'S 2048 RELATING TO INCREASE IN CUSTOMS DUTIES ON COLOMBIAN CUT FLOWERS, CUSTOMS RECENTLY DETERMINED THAT THE MERCHANDISE WAS NOT CORRECTLY VALUED FOR DUTY ASSESSMENT PURPOSES. IN THE CASE OF CARNATIONS, WHICH IS PRINCIPAL FLOWER EXPORTED FROM COLOMBIA, VALUE FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES HAS INCREASED FROM 3 CENTS TO 7 CENTS PER FLOWER. THIS ISSUE IS ENTIRELY UNRELATED TO COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION. KISSINGER

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